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## Prices and Prospects.

### THE COKE MARKET SHOWS ACTIVITY.

**Inquiries on Contracts Has  
Been On the Past  
Ten Days.**

**ODD LOT SALES AT \$1.60**

Regular quotation on prompt  
furnace coke, however, is \$1.65.  
Consumption of coke is being in-  
creased by blowing in of stacks.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Mar. 22.—The Con-  
nellsville coke market has been more  
active in the past week than for a  
long while, there being several good  
sized sales of prompt furnace coke,  
while one or two deals for longer de-  
liveries which have been hanging fire  
for some time have been closed. The  
slightly higher prices asked by opera-  
tors in the past fortnight have appar-  
ently had the effect not of discourag-  
ing transactions but of stimulating them.

A merchant furnace interest at Cleve-  
land put out an inquiry a week or so  
ago for 6,000 tons of furnace coke  
for April delivery, and received  
quotations ranging from \$1.65 up. On  
account of the strength thus display-  
ed by the market it was concluded  
to buy for the whole quarter, April  
to June inclusive, instead of the month  
of April alone, and a deal was accord-  
ingly put through for about 20,000 tons  
for the three months. The price has  
not been absolutely ascertained, but it  
is understood to have been \$1.65 or high-  
er.

A steel interest at Youngstown,  
which recently figured as a large pur-  
chaser, has bought 15,000 tons of fur-  
nace coke for April delivery, paying  
\$1.60. This is a price which could no  
longer be done on such a tonnage. An  
eastern consumer, which came into the  
market a day or two later, was forced  
to pay \$1.65 for coke for the same de-  
livery, taking about half as much. An-  
other eastern interest closed a contract  
which has been under negotiation for  
some time involving furnace require-  
ments from April 1 to the end of the  
year, about 8,000 tons a month. This  
was not a regular ratio contract. It ap-  
pears, but was based in another way  
upon the pig iron market, the average  
monthly price of basic pig iron in the  
east being taken as the selling basis. It  
is understood that the contract is  
very favorable to the seller on the  
present pig iron market, calling for  
coke at about \$1.70.

Sales of odd lots of furnace coke  
have been made in the week, aggregat-  
ing about a hundred cars to various in-  
terests, and at prices generally averag-  
ing about \$1.60, such odd lots usually  
going at a discount as compared with  
a definite tonnage for a month's de-  
livery.

The regular quotation on prompt  
furnace coke is \$1.65, made by a  
number of producers, some asking  
even higher figures. Occasionally an  
odd lot can be picked up at \$1.60, the  
odd five cents being the differential  
necessary to force a sale. This repre-  
sents an advance of five cents a  
ton in the quotable market during  
the week, since at the time of our  
last report the regular minimum ask-  
ing price was \$1.60, while some odd  
lots had just changed hands at \$1.55.  
Consumption of coke is being in-  
creased by the blowing in of two in-  
dependent furnaces. They are al-  
ready covered by contracts, but the  
coke is taken from the merchant mar-  
ket. The furnaces are Zig No. 2, of  
the Detroit Iron & Steel Company,  
which went into blast early this week  
after six months' idleness, the com-  
pany's No. 1 furnace having been in  
blast continuously, and Tod furnace  
of the Youngstown Steel Company at  
Youngstown, O., which will go into  
blast about April 1, making Bessemer  
pig iron.

The foundry coke market continues  
rather inactive, but prices are firmly  
held. Sellers of standard grades gen-  
erally ask \$2.10, but there is some  
good coke to be picked up at \$2. Some  
sales have been made as low as  
\$1.85, but there is a question about  
the quality, and it has developed lat-  
ely that some of the alleged foundry  
coke sold a few weeks ago at \$1.85  
had proved entirely unsuited to the  
work.

We quote the market as follows:  
Prompt furnace.....\$1.60-\$1.65  
Furnace, second quarter.....\$1.65-\$1.70  
Contract furnace, 2nd half \$1.70-\$2.00  
Contract furnace.....\$2.00-\$2.25  
Contract foundry.....\$2.25-\$2.50

The local pig iron market has  
been quiet the past week than  
formerly. Practically nothing has  
been done in Bessemer or basic, al-  
though prices formerly quoted are  
still maintained, at \$15. Valley, for  
Bessemer and \$13.75 to \$14. Valley  
for basic. Foundry iron has estab-  
lished a definite market for second

half, at 25 cents a ton above the  
price ruling for prompt and second  
quarter. This is settled by pur-  
chases made recently by the Iron  
City Sanitary Manufacturing Com-  
pany and the Union Switch & Signal  
Company. The former took a total  
of about 7,000 tons, for delivery over  
the last three quarters of the year,  
paying \$14 a ton for second  
quarter and \$14.25 for third and  
fourth quarters. The latter bought  
500 tons for second half at \$14.25,  
and is believed to be figuring on a  
little more. Another Westinghouse  
interest, the Westinghouse Machine  
Company, is in the market for 2,000  
tons or more for second half.

### IRON AND STEEL.

Railroad Consumption Proving to Be  
as Good as Could Be Expected.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Ameri-  
can Steel Market and Daily Iron and  
Steel Report tomorrow will say:  
"Production in the steel trade con-  
tinues to average about 75% of full  
capacity, the wire and tin plate mills  
showing the greatest activity, from  
90 to 100%. Sheet mill operations  
would be on a reduced scale as com-  
pared with early February were it not  
for the large export business being  
done by the leading interests. In other  
lines production is about the same as  
it was. Merchant pipe is doing very  
well considering the general trade  
conditions, but line pipe is very quiet.  
There is no prospect of the advance  
in merchant pipe as was predicted a  
few weeks ago in some quarters."  
It has become very apparent that  
buying of steel products depends  
strictly upon the rate of ultimate con-  
sumption, middle interests neither lay-  
ing in stocks nor making any special  
effort to delay making purchases. The  
railroad consumption is proving to be  
as good as could be expected in the  
circumstances, with railroads  
having little cars and experiencing no  
particular difficulty in meeting traffic  
demands. If any change in the rate  
of railroad buying has followed the  
famous decisions of the Interstate  
Commerce Commission of February  
22 it has been in the direction of re-  
leasing some orders. No orders have  
been canceled and no definite en-  
quiries withdrawn.

### GARY OVENS FIRED

U. S. Coal & Coke Company Blows in  
1,500 in W. Va.

The most welcome industrial news  
which the West Virginia coke field  
has received in many months came  
Monday evening in the form of a call  
from General Edward O'Toole, gen-  
eral superintendent of the mines of  
the United States Coal & Coke Com-  
pany at Gary, asking for 500 men at  
once. These men are needed to com-  
ply with an order just issued by the  
main offices of the company for 1,500  
ovens to be started at once at Gary.  
This means that the United States  
Steel Corporation coke ovens in West  
Virginia which have been closed down  
for some time, will be put in blast  
immediately and hundreds of men  
given employment. The order  
stating that the company will fire up  
1,500 ovens means that one-half of  
the company's ovens will be put to  
work as soon as the coal can be min-  
ed.

Since the Gary ovens closed down  
and the coal output was restricted  
hundreds of men have been laid off,  
but the company will now need  
mine bosses, machine miners, coke  
drawing machine operators, inspec-  
tors, miners, machinists, helpers and  
all the other men who are usually  
employed about the mines. It will  
take about eight thousand tons of  
coal to start up the ovens and after  
that, even if the number of ovens in  
blast is not increased, the company  
will need about 4,000 tons of coal  
daily for the ovens.

### STEEL ORDERS

New York Buildings and Pennsyl-  
vania Railroad Require Tonnage.

The American Bridge Company has  
secured two contracts aggregating  
over 10,000 tons of steel, one for 6,000  
tons to go into the new Pennsylvania  
railroad postoffice building adjoining  
the Pennsylvania terminal in New  
York, and the other for 3,800 tons for  
the new Masonic temple in New  
York, together with the erection of  
both buildings.

In addition to the above business,  
the Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
is asking for estimates on 6,000 tons  
of steel for car construction at their  
Altoona shops, together with wheels  
for the same cars. Other orders for  
steel from railroads, aggregating a  
considerable tonnage, are pending  
and will be placed shortly.

### Republic Official Resigns.

Tracy V. Guthrie has resigned as  
President of the Republic Iron &  
Steel Company and has been succe-  
eded by Thomas J. Bray, formerly Vice  
President of the company. The gen-  
eral offices of the corporation will  
this year be moved from Pittsburgh to  
Youngstown, O.

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING MAR. 18, 1911.				WEEK ENDING MAR. 11, 1911.			
	District.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville.....	Connellsville.....	24,074	16,597	7,477	24,074	15,774	8,300	199,140
	Lower Connellsville.....	15,543	11,518	4,023	15,543	11,374	4,169	158,331
Totals.....		39,617	28,115	11,502	39,617	27,148	12,469	357,471
Furnace Ovens.	Connellsville.....	18,924	13,952	4,972	18,924	13,204	5,720	170,077
	Lower Connellsville.....	4,613	3,776	887	4,613	3,076	937	52,433
Totals.....		23,537	17,728	5,859	23,537	16,280	6,657	222,510
Merchant Ovens.	Connellsville.....	5,150	2,645	2,505	5,150	2,570	2,580	29,063
	Lower Connellsville.....	10,393	7,742	3,198	10,393	7,098	3,232	105,898
Totals.....		16,080	10,387	5,693	16,080	10,268	5,812	134,961
SHIPMENTS.	To Pittsburgh.....			4,090 Cars.			4,107 Cars.	
	To Points West of Pittsburgh.....			6,025 Cars.			5,855 Cars.	
Totals.....	To Points East of the Region.			901 Cars.			702 Cars.	
	Totals.....			11,016 Cars.			10,664 Cars.	

### A NEW MERGER OF STEEL FIRMS.

Corey, Dickson and Others  
Are Said to Be Planning  
Big Things.

### AN AGREEMENT IS ENDED

That Gave Andrew Carnegie Right to  
Name Executive Head of Steel Cor-  
poration for Ten Years—Specula-  
tion, on the New Combine.

Ever since William F. Corey quit  
the presidency of the United States  
Steel Corporation rumors have been  
circulating in inner circles of his de-  
certain plans and interests capable  
of entering far into the domain of  
the billion-dollar steel corporation.  
His long experience in the steel busi-  
ness and his loyal friendships among  
notable colleagues in that pursuit  
argue his prompt re-entrance and  
speculation apart, it is predicted that  
the opposition is upon the verge of  
consummating its scheme.

Three large steel companies are  
named as the nuclei of the projected  
enterprise. Pittsburgh will not suffer.  
It is considered, for the realization of  
the project.

Mr. Corey's trip abroad immedi-  
ately after his retirement was truthfully  
stated to be one for gaining rest, but  
after recuperation he will return to  
devote his energies to this new plan.  
He is recognized as knowing in de-  
tail the sections where the produc-  
tion of the United States Steel Cor-  
poration find most profitable markets, and  
it is predicted he will be able to en-  
gage in a warfare for ejection of  
fair division with the major firm.

The approaching special session of  
a Democratic Congress is taken to  
infer something against the billion  
dollar corporation because the ad-  
vocate of the vast holdings of the Ten-  
nessee Coal & Iron Company by it  
has never been explained to the sat-  
isfaction of Democratic members. As  
an outcome of the new move some  
action may be started against the big  
corporation and the formation of the  
new company may be effected along  
lines settled as legal by the coming  
corporate decisions of the Supreme  
Court.

As the Financial World of New  
York remarks when discussing Mr.  
Corey's probable re-entry into the  
steel business, the deposed president  
has always maintained the Carnegie  
doctrine that the best way of getting  
business in dull times is to adjust  
prices to suit conditions and in this  
view he has clashed with the Morgan-  
Gary plan of ignoring conditions.

The Financial World says "Mr. Gary  
would dam up and obstruct the  
natural play of economics and hold  
prices at one level through all  
periods of dullness and activity."

It is said that Mr. Carnegie might  
be persuaded to help in the new enter-  
prise. Under a lower tariff the ad-  
vantage enjoyed by the Steel Trust  
by reason of its control of ore ranges  
and other sources of raw material  
might not be so great as now. Such  
a merger or other combination within  
legal lines to become known would  
be welcomed, it is said, by builders.

William B. Dickson, who was first  
vice president of the United States  
Steel Corporation, resigned shortly  
after Mr. Corey's exit, and it lends  
strong confirmation to the entire  
statement of the new project that his

name has constantly been used in  
connection with it.  
A further fact that fits into the re-  
ported enterprise is that the 10-year  
agreement which the original Carnegie  
partners made when the Steel Cor-  
poration was organized in 1901 has  
recently expired. No impediment  
exists, therefore, to the quick forming  
of the opposition concern.

### SIXTY DAY OPTION

Has Been Given on the Onlap-Con-  
nellsville Coke Plant.  
The Onlap-Connellsville Coke Com-  
pany has given a sixty day option on  
its property near Brownsville to J. W.  
Senn and E. H. Abraham of Union-  
town, the price being, it is stated,  
\$150,000.

The company owns 135 acres of  
coal and 65 completed ovens and 62  
additional in course of construction.  
In Redstone township on the Monon-  
gahela Railroad. The officers are  
Cyrus Eckard, President, J. L. Fitch,  
Vice President and George W. Camp-  
bell, Secretary and Treasurer. W. W.  
Smith is a large stockholder.

President Eckard stated that the  
deal would probably go through, but  
did not confirm the price.

### MINING INSTITUTE TO MEET AGAIN

Before Examinations Are  
Held for Certificates  
in April.

### A BIG CLASS IS EXPECTED

At Scottdale Next Month and Appli-  
cants This Year Can Only Appear  
Before Examining Board of the  
District in Which They Reside.

SCOTSDALE, Mar. 22.—There will  
be an endeavor of the Scottdale Y. M.  
C. A. Mining Institute to meet once  
more before the examinations for cer-  
tificates for Mine Foremen and Fire  
Bosses will be held here, April 4, 5, 6  
and 7. State Mine Inspector D. H.  
Blower and Secretary W. H. Glasgow  
hope to have another session and Sec-  
retary W. J. Grant of the Y. M. C. A.  
said yesterday an institute will likely  
be held on the evening of April 1. The  
last one held here was the best ever  
assembled in Scottdale and it is  
thought it will be a good plan to have  
one immediately before the examina-  
tions. Eighty-five were in last year's  
class and Examiner D. K. Blower says  
that prospects indicate a larger class  
this year. He will have with him on  
the board of examiners, S. J. Lohr and  
Edward Quinn.

The examinations this year will take  
place in Odd Fellows hall, over the  
postoffice, in the Elmer & Graft  
building, as the G. A. R. band room  
is too small, as was shown by last  
year's class. The notices of the ex-  
amination were sent out for this dis-  
trict during the week, and say among  
other things: In order that proper  
arrangements can be made for seat-  
ing the class, all those intending to  
take the examination are requested  
to notify the Inspector of the district  
in which they reside at least 10 days  
before the date of the examination.  
All applicants for certificates must  
appear before the Board of this district  
in which they reside. Those wishing  
to be examined for Fire Boss certifi-  
cates only will be required to attend  
April 7. The examinations begin at  
9 o'clock each morning.

### NAVY DEPARTMENT WANTS SLIGO IRON.

Local Mill Has Fine Chance  
to Land a Big Govern-  
ment Contract.

### INSURE STEADY OPERATION

Officials of the Company State There  
Is No Question But That Iron Will  
Come Up to the Standard—First  
Order of 500 Tons.

If the iron comes up to the stand-  
ard required it is practically certain  
the Sligo Iron & Steel Company will  
secure a big contract from the Navy  
Department, one that will insure the  
steady operation of the plant for  
some months to come. Officials of  
the company today declined to state  
the aggregate tonnage expected un-  
der the contract but it is known to be  
large.

Within the next few days it is ex-  
pected government officers will come  
to Connellsville to supervise tests to  
be made. There will be a test at the  
plant here while samples of the iron  
will also be sent to the government  
testing laboratories for further inspec-  
tion. Those interested in Sligo de-  
clare there is no question but that  
the iron will come up to the standard.

The order calls for high grade Sligo  
iron, a charcoal iron made at Sligo  
which is regarded as one of the best  
products of the kind turned out in  
this country. The first order is for  
1,000,000 pounds for testing purposes.  
When this amount is made it will be  
put through a severe test and if sat-  
isfactory the remainder of the order is  
expected to be placed immediately.

The iron is to be used in the new  
battleships which are being built al-  
though the exact use to which the  
iron will be placed is not stated. The  
order calls for billets of various  
lengths varying from three feet up  
to 12 feet. All departments of the mill will  
be in operation when the contract is  
secured. The iron is put through three  
processes before the finished billets  
are turned out, going from the fur-  
naces to the mill, then sheared  
and rolled, finally being transformed  
from square bars into round billets  
about four inches in diameter. After  
coming from the rolls the iron will be  
cut to the required lengths under the  
contract.

### COAL LAND CHANGES HANDS.

Baltimore Firm Purchases Pennwood  
Coal Company's Holdings.

SOMERSET, Pa., March 17.—  
Thom Pennwood Coal Company's  
mining plant and mineral acreage in  
Black township was sold yesterday at  
the court house by Attorney John G.  
Gla, receiver, to Bradenburg & Clark  
of Baltimore, for \$1,900. The purchas-  
ers are noted for the bondholders of the  
concern, the price bid being merely a  
nominal figure. The property was  
mortgaged some time ago to secure a  
\$1,000,000 bond issue, following which  
the company became financially in-  
volved. The labor claims were paid  
yesterday. The concern will be reor-  
ganized as the Bradenburg Coal Com-  
pany.

### Boswell Miner Killed.

Charles Lynch, aged 23, and J. J.  
Scott, aged 42, miners employed in  
one of the mines at Boswell, were  
caught under a fall of slate and Lynch  
was badly injured that his recovery is  
doubtful.

## Production and Output.

### MINE RESCUE WORK

To Be Put Into Practical Operation  
by Republic Company.

Mine rescue and first aid work are  
to be put in practical operation by the  
Republic Iron & Steel Company in  
Pittsburgh county and to this end a  
corps of men from the Republic plant  
have been at the United States Test-  
ing Station in Pittsburgh, receiving  
instruction along the lines mentioned.

It is planned to have these men in-  
struct other corps at the Republic  
plant and thus have a trained body of  
men ready at a moment's notice to go  
into a mine with helmets in case of  
an explosion and also care for in-  
jured persons until the arrival of phys-  
icians.

This course of instruction for the  
Republic men is to be carried even  
farther than has been adopted by  
some other companies and will be  
thorough and practical. The Drac-  
er helmet work is being taken so that  
the men will be able in case of ne-  
cessity to go into a mine filled with  
smoke or noxious gases. Each of the  
men who were in Pittsburgh received  
a diploma from the government for  
the rescue work.

It is hoped by the United States  
government that many other com-  
panies in the coke region will take up  
this work so that in all cases of ex-  
plosion, or mine troubles there will  
be trained men to take the practical  
and recognized action for checking  
the trouble and safeguarding the  
property and the lives of the men  
and ministering to the injured.

### RAINEY IMPROVEMENTS.

General Manager Mitchell Takes  
Optimistic View of Situation.

Before leaving for a two week  
vacation to his Louisiana plantation,  
General Manager T. J. Mitchell, of  
the W. J. Rainey interests, took a  
very optimistic view of the business  
situation, and predicts that better  
times are on the way.  
He stated that their orders for  
foundry coke are very heavy which  
to him is a better indication than  
anything else of business improve-  
ment. Their plants are running  
nearly six days a week, and exten-  
sive improvements are being made  
at a number of them.

Last week orders were placed for  
\$50,000 worth of machinery for the  
Allison No. 1 plant, including one  
set of hoisting engines, eight 300  
H.P. water tube boilers, two air  
compressors and two electric gen-  
erators. Mr. Mitchell stated that it is  
expected to have ovens going at All-  
ison some time this summer.

At Reverse 208 bechove ovens have  
been replaced with the Mitchell re-  
ctangular type, and it is the intention  
to replace the balance of the bechove  
ovens as quickly as possible.

### MARIANNA RELIEF.

Committee Issues Report Showing  
How All Money Was Paid Out.

The Marianne Mine Relief Com-  
mittee, which distributed a fund of  
\$35,744.42 to the victims of the  
Marianne disaster and their families,  
has issued a report showing that all  
monies contributed to the fund has  
been paid out.

Widows of American miners re-  
ceived \$200, each child under 16  
years of age, \$100; each unmarried  
man supporting parents \$100; foreign  
widows, \$100; their children, \$50 and  
the parents of babies, \$150.

### Pennsylvania Coke Shipments.

According to a statement issued by  
the Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
there were carried by the company's  
lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie dur-  
ing February 586,622 short tons of  
coke, a decrease for the same month  
of 150 of 404,512 short tons. From  
January 1 to February 23, inclusive,  
1,683,771 short tons were transport-  
ed, a decrease for the same period  
of 1910 of 970,550 short tons.

### Plant to Be Shifted.

According to reports from Toron-  
o, Canada, negotiations have been about  
concluded whereby the big steel  
plant of the British Columbia Steel  
Corporation will be located at Port  
Maurit. It will require six months to  
put the works in running order.

### Lake Erie Places Order.

The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Rail-  
road Company will shortly place an  
order for 2,000 steel freight cars  
with Pittsburgh builders. This is in  
addition to the previous order for  
1,000 cars, and represents an expendi-  
ture of \$2,000,000.

### Pittsburgh Coal Sent Out.

Forty-six barges, containing over  
700,000 bushels of coal were yester-  
day sent south from Pittsburgh by the  
Monongahela Consolidated Coal &  
Coke Company. The barge stage,  
however, did not last, and the rivers  
are again falling.

### The Gallatin Pit Shut Down.

The Gallatin mine of the Monon-  
gahela River Coal & Coke Company,  
at Monongahela, employing 200 men,  
has shut down indefinitely.

### AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTION

And Shipments Comes With  
Firing of Nearly 1,000  
Ovens.

### THE FREIGHT RATE QUESTION

Just as Present is the Livest One  
Among the Coke Operators of the  
Connellsville Region—Region Stands  
to Better Natural Markets.

The Connellsville coke trade is in-  
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isfactory manner. Upwards of a  
thousand ovens were fired up last  
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the close of the week and did not  
consequently increase production or  
shipments appreciably. Notwith-  
standing this fact production in-  
creased some 7,000 tons and ship-  
ments over 500 cars. There is an in-  
creasing confidence in the future of  
the business. The doubts and dis-  
turbs of the past few months are  
being discounted and dissipated.  
With better business has come still  
further hardening of prices and great-  
er optimism.

The live subject in coke trade  
circles just now is the matter of rail-  
road rates. The suit entered before  
the Interstate Commerce Commission  
was developed the fact that there has  
been some palpable discriminations  
against the Connellsville coke region,  
and it is expected that the commis-  
sion will remedy the injustice either  
by lowering Connellsville rates or by  
increasing West Virginia rates, but  
probably by fixing rates between the  
two regions. In any event, the  
Connellsville region stands to better  
itself with regard to its natural mar-  
kets.

With the firing up of idle ovens  
this week the H. C. Frick Coke Com-  
pany now has 75.2% of its available  
ovens in blast and the Rainey inter-  
ests have 11.2% in operation. The  
furnace interests have 75.3% in op-  
eration and the merchant operators  
have 77.5% in operation. Upon the  
whole the region is smoking up in  
a manner highly satisfactory.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN  
**The Connellsville District**  
 With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to  
 Saturday, Mar. 18, 1911.

It is not yet possible to make an estimate of the number of sheets that will form the completed atlas but it will probably exceed 8,000. A list of the published sheets can be obtained by applying to the Geological Survey.

Every year during the open hill season the Government topographers survey in very accurate detail from 25,000 to 40,000 square miles. During the winter the topographers prepare the sheets which are later engraved in the Survey's engraving plant. These topographic sheets are issued at the rate of about two a week and in 1910 more than 350 order maps were received. The Government has no constant demands for these sheets, all sources both official and private. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, the Survey distributed nearly

Total Count	In East	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. C. Address.
281	20	Azme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
10		Acme	Penn. Coke Co.	Uniontown
725	280	Adair's	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
948	206	Alverton No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10		Alverton No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
74	36	Baer's	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
18		Bosty	Essene, Coke Co.	Uniontown
122	10	Bachury	Maldine Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	10	Biner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
84		Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co.	Pittsburg
122	173	Bow	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greenbush
160		Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	180	Brown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
22		Brush Run	Brush Iron Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
161	31	Call mine	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	22	Canby	Pearce and Connellville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	205	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54		Chester	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	100	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greenbush
164	63	Clarks	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dawson
120	10	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	240	Collie	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10		Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10		Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
90	70	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
170		Crookland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
322		Duckton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40		Duxter	J. R. Stansifer & Co.	Scranton
220		Earl	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Lilom No. 1	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown
10	10	Ellen No. 1	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown
10		Flintzburgh	Uniontown Limestone Co.	Greenbush
218	10	Flint Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
10		Fort Erie	B. J. Rainey	Scranton
40		Franklin	B. J. Rainey & Co.	Scranton
101	50	G. more	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
2		Gace	J. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
272	90	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	40	Hesler	Sunshine C. & Coke Co.	Alleganstown
20		Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Homa	Stauff & Wiley	Scranton
20	200	Hunter	Hunterton Connelville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100		Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10		Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30		Junction	Marlette Gander Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
10	190	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
494	40	Lewinsburg No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Lewinsburg No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Lewinsburg No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
22	150	Leitch	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Lemont	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Liebo Sunahino	Kure Coke Co.	Uniontown
20		Lora	C. W. Lyle & Coal & Coke Co.	Scranton
40		Marte	Mex. & Co. Co.	Uniontown
90		Machino	Famby's Steel Co.	Dunbar
300	300	Maconochie	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	750	Marserville	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Mars	Sharon C. Co.	Pittsburg
20		Martini	Uniontown Limestone Co.	Connellsville
30	112	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Mt. Rendick	Mt. Rendick L.	New York, N. Y.
210	210	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant C. & Connellville Coke Co.	Greenbush & Pittsburg
40		Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10		Myers	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
725	206	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
231	25	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
231	25	Oliver No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	60	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
20		Palmer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
482	173	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
20		Pennsville	Pennsylvania Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Perry	Marx & A. Lilligrew	Perry
10	350	Pl. Lips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
15		Union	J. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
440	300	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
550	240	Revere	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
100		Revere	Uniontown Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
110	60	Revere No. 2	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
42		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
10		Sherry	South Erie Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
141	442	Shaw	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	40	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	120	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10		Spring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61		Spring No. 2	Lochman Bros.	Dawson
40	10	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Stearns No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
1,5		Stearns No. 2	Stearns Iron Co.	Uniontown
125		Thompe	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
4		Tip Top	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown
461	170	Truitt	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Union	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
266	270	Union	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
270	20	Valley	Pittsburg Coke Co.	Pittsburg
81	80	Veseyan	Veseyan Coke Co.	Greenbush
22		Wicks	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
22		Whitney	Hawderton Connelville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	40	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Yarcan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241		Yostsytown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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600 '00 maps of which number 178 737 were sold the receipts from their sale amounting to about \$17 500

The new atlas surveyed in the year ending June 30 1910 in the United States was 32 808 square miles. During the same period 11 801 square miles were covered by topographic surveys and 100 recommissions in Alaska.

The Survey has just published in Bulletin 141 the result of triangulation and primary traverse during the years 1906 1911 and 1912. These results form the basis of what is called the horizontal control for the maps. Data for the vertical control was published by the Survey in bulletins giving by States the results of spirit leveling. Surveyors engineers and others interested in the work may obtain these bulletins free on application to the Director of the Survey at Washington.

**O'TOOLE IN REGION.**

General Superintendent of West Virginia Operations Pays Visit

General Edward O'Toole General Superintendent of the United Coal & Coke Company Grafton W. Va. a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation is making a brief visit to the Connellsville coke region the chief of General M. C. Flick Assistant King of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

Yesterday the General spent the day in Scottsdale attending the meeting of the Fuel company's superintendents. Today he will visit a number of the larger plants.

Since leaving the coke region General O'Toole has been the recipient of high military honors. Starting on the Governor's staff as Lieutenant Colonel in the 11th General Cavalry

W B Dickson Resigns  
William B Dickson first vice president of the United States Steel Corporation, has resigned and will retire from office on May 1.

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## NEW EXCISE BILL IN LEGISLATURE.

Will Be Introduced This  
Week or First of  
Next.

### WANTED BY THE JUDICIARY

Judges, Especially in Philadelphia  
and Pittsburgh, Want to Be Freed  
of Granting or Refusing Licenses  
Probe For Irwin Strike

HARRISBURG, March 22.—A committee of judges representing the judiciary of the State, chiefly composed of members of the bench from Philadelphia, is this week drafting an excise bill which will be introduced in the Legislature either this week or the first of next. The judges of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are anxious to be freed from the duty of granting or refusing liquor licenses each year. There are counties in the State where the judges are content to pass on the liquor licenses annually but a majority of them and especially the judiciary of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, view the interpretation of the Brooks law as the most unpleasant duty they have to perform each year.

The liquor interests of the State are not back of the proposed excise commission legislation. It springs entirely from the judiciary. In fact in some counties in the Western part especially the liquor interests have taken steps to protest against the passage of the proposed new excise bill.

It is the purpose to have an excise commission in each county. The Governor to submit a list of names from which the judges of the various counties will appoint a commission, probably of three members. Appeal on questions of law will be provided for, but there will be no appeal on questions of fact.

A Republican leader who is in close touch with the State administration is quoted as follows:

Supported by Judges

It has been stated that the excise bill is the suggestion of the liquor interests of the State. Such is not the case. The suggestion comes from the judges themselves who desire to be relieved of a duty that while not judicial in its nature is very distasteful and unpleasant. The handling of the liquor business places the court in a position to be misunderstood and to have its honesty, its honor and its good faith challenged by the public.

"The granting of licenses under the Brooks law is largely a matter of discretion. It is controlled more by the personal views of the judge than by the laws and the facts and circumstances. It is not fair to impose upon the court a duty which necessarily involves it in the conflict of views which exist in the minds of the people upon this question. Even if the judge acts in the utmost good faith in the granting or the withholding of a license his motives are impugned as dishonest and he is charged with whatever side happens to be offended. If the judge has been supported by the liquor interests, this act is regarded as the payment of a political obligation; if otherwise, it is regarded as an act of retaliation.

In either event the respect for and the confidence in the court is destroyed and irreparable damage done. If he has not had either their support or their opposition his act is regarded as a bid for their support in the future if he grants the license or as confiscation of property if he refuses it so that in either event the judge is discredited.

This is the case where the judge acts conscientiously and where he is not serious to the situation where he is controlled by a different motive. The purpose in placing the granting of the liquor licenses in the hands of the judges was to protect it from abuse and keep it as respectable as possible but I believe the consensus of opinion among the best people is that it influences has been to drag the judiciary down rather than to lift the liquor business up.

It is of vital importance that the judiciary remain clean and pure and that it hold the fullest measure of public confidence. License court surrounds it with scandal and an unhealthy atmosphere which will not be removed so long as the judges are called upon to perform this duty. They should be relieved of every duty not strictly judicial. The judges all there by be restored to the high positions they once occupied possessing and holding the confidence and respect of the people and the fountain of justice will be kept pure.

Probe for Coal Strike

The resolution providing for an investigation of the conflict in the Westmoreland county coal strike in a region was adopted by the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon but not until after a lively controversy. The trouble started at the morning session when Representative William Feeney of Washington county under took to call up the resolution. Representative Freeman of Lebanon objected on the ground that the author of the resolution Representative Milton J. Shreve of Erie was not present. Mr. Shreve himself called up the resolution yesterday afternoon and moved that it be definitely postponed. Mr. Feeney took exception to the proposition to kill the resolution.

"The conditions in the Irwin coal field need investigation," said Mr. Feeney.

Eight thousand men are on strike and have been for many months. They are no nearer a settlement now than when the strike began. I believe that if an investigation is made by the Legislature a settlement can be effected to the satisfaction of both sides and to the relief of an intolerable condition of affairs.

Mr. Shreve insisted on his motion to postpone indefinitely. I introduced this resolution early in the session and said he and no person appears to have been interested in its behalf until within the past week. I have been therefore forced to the conclusion that the subject is not important, especially in view of the fact that there is a similar resolution in the Senate and no action has been taken there. I do not see why the time of the House should be taken up with this matter until the Senate has acted.

Mr. Maurer the Socialist member from Berks county favored the passage of the resolution. A state of war has existed in the Irwin field for some time he said. I am familiar with the conditions. The jails are crowded with men and many thousands of dollars have been paid in fines. Women and children have been forced to live in tents and to suffer untold privations.

Representative Ulrich of Westmoreland said Mr. Maurer has overdone the picture. A great deal had got to be made in the newspapers and other publications that was absolutely untrue. Women have been sent from New York to make investigations and he, and they have knowings misrepresentations. I deny that Westmoreland county is such a horrible place as has been painted. At the same time I shall vote for this resolution in order that the real conditions may be shown.

Mr. Roney of Philadelphia thought an investigation would be a good thing so as to determine whether or not there should be official intervention for the purpose of effecting a settlement. Mr. Pifer of Philadelphia said many carloads of provisions and clothing had been sent from his city into the Irwin field which indicated a state of affairs concerning which the people of Pennsylvania were entitled to know the truth.

Mr. Feeney moved to amend to change the date from April 1 to April 20 when the commission is to report the results of its investigation and this was adopted without dissent. The resolution was then adopted, nobody voting against it. The proposition is now up to the Senate.

The resolution provides that a committee consisting of two members of the Senate and three members of the House be appointed by the presiding officers of the two branches to investigate the actual cause of the dispute and the conditions existing between the mine operators and the miners throughout Westmoreland county to visit the localities affected and report to the Legislature together with any recommendations that may be pertinent or helpful in securing adjustment of the existing differences. The committee is to have power to summon witnesses and take testimony under oath. The committee is to serve without compensation but is allowed \$2,000 for expenses.

Semi Monthly Pay Bill  
The bill sponsored by Representative J. J. Campbell of Philadelphia requiring the payment of wages at least semi monthly passed the House Tuesday by a vote of 115 to 75. The measure now goes to the Senate. The bill passes the Senate and is signed by Governor Tener. It will bear upon the payment of wages which has been a political obligation of the State.

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Following bill is  
House bill permitting insurance companies to do back policies not exceeding six months.  
Amending the insurance laws so as to permit either individuals or corporations or corporations to be certified and licensed agents for the purpose of soliciting life in Pennsylvania.  
Providing for the merger of the corporation of street railways and the power companies.  
In re resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to give school districts or other municipalities incorporated districts to increase their indebtedness.

### LICENSES ARE GRANTED.

#### Judge Koser Refuses Few Somerset County Applicants

BOMERSPT, Pa. March 22.—(Special)—Judge Francis J. Koser refused of Somerset county's liquor license applications yesterday afternoon. No remonstrances were entered against the petitions of old licensees and few against new ones. All the old licenses were renewed for another year.

The following new applicants were refused: A. W. Bauman Somerset; Albert Water and Norman Schirmer Wm. Milton Primmer and Frank Wm. Larkins, Casselman 1; L. H. Garrett 1; E. Ober Paint township; G. G. Spangoli Quakamoking township; Perry L. Lambert Somerset; Isaac W. Kaufmann and George M. Van in Blare, Conamouth township.  
G. G. DeLover of Northampton township and Elmer E. Cleveland of the new coal town of Zimmerman were the only new applicants granted. Frank Phenicle of Garrett and E. W. Blehm of Hoooverville were null over.

### WILL CO-OPERATE.

#### Pennsylvania Railroad Company to Help Towns Get Industries

Announcing that the Pennsylvania railroad is ready to cooperate with local organizations in the location of new enterprises in the district on its lines W. J. Rose, Division Field Agent at Harrisburg has addressed to these commercial bodies a letter outlining suggestions for Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, Business Men's Leagues and other local Civic Organizations, asking co-operation in the Pennsylvania railroad's announcement to these bodies closes by saying:

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### WERTZ TO SUCCEED CROW

#### Johnstown Man Stated For President Pro Tempore of State Senate

HARRISBURG, Pa. March 22.—(Special)—The Republican senatorial caucus decided to support Senator George M. Wertz of Johnstown for president pro tempore of the Senate. The selection will be made in caucus at the close of the session. Several other senators were candidates but a majority favored Mr. Wertz. The new president pro tempore will serve during the recess and will be elected for the full term at the session of 1912. If the Republicans are in control and the senator from Columbia is returned he will come up for reelection in his district in 1912.

### TWO MEN DEPORTED

#### Deportees of Month Because of Parole

SOMERSPT, Pa. March 22.—(Special)—Two men were deported from the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday because of parole. The men were Joseph T. Smith and Joseph T. Smith. The men were deported from the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday because of parole.

### FIND KOSOVZ DEAD

#### Was Civil War Veteran and Had Been Missing Since 1910

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. March 22.—(Special)—A body was found yesterday in a field near Philadelphia. The body was identified as that of a Civil War veteran, Kosovz, who had been missing since 1910.

### A H Coffroth Dead

#### Ala. Elder Had Coffroth House of Somerset's Most Prominent Residents

Ala. Elder Had Coffroth House of Somerset's Most Prominent Residents died at his home here Friday of pneumonia, aged 67. He was a nephew of the late General Alexander H. Coffroth and for a time was editor of the Somerset Democrat. A widow and two children survive.

### ST. GEORGE'S ST. BIRTHDAY

#### SOMERSPT, Pa. St. George's Birthdays

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### Fire at Lure

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## POPULATION OF THREE COUNTIES.

Census Bureau Gives Out  
Official Figures of Towns  
and Townships.

### MANY BOROUGHES SHOW GAINS

In Fayette County Several Townships Went Back Some of Them Losing Through Annexation—Fayette County Has 167,449

The Census Bureau Tuesday announced the official population of Pennsylvania with the minor civil divisions included in the report. The population of the borough and townships of Fayette County was given. Fayette county has a total population of 167,449. In 1900 the population was 140,000. The population of the county has increased by 27,449 in 10 years. The population of the county has increased by 27,449 in 10 years.

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### DATE FOR COMPLETION

#### Of Western Maryland Grading Has Been Set For August 1

It was announced Tuesday that the grading of the Western Maryland railroad will be completed by August 1. The grading of the railroad will be completed by August 1.

### STUDENTS GOING TO MINE

#### Practical Instruction for Forty-eight

The class in mine surveying of the School of Mines at the University of Pittsburgh left Monday for Consburg, Pa. where the next two weeks will be spent in a practical survey of the workings of the Consburg mine. The party numbering about 40 is in charge of Professor J. B. Hemphill member of the faculty. Hemphill is particularly well qualified for this work and has been selected by the school to supervise the work.

### STOLEN HORSE RETURNED

#### J. E. Cook of Bellevue Gets An Mail Taken Last June

J. E. Cook of Bellevue has received his horse that was stolen on July 11 last. A dealer at Donegal recognized a horse stolen and it was brought back to Cook. There was nothing to show that the man in whose possession it was stole it and it is doubtful if the thief will ever be apprehended. The animal was promptly turned over to its rightful owner upon his identifying it.

### KILLED BY TRAIN

#### Mrs. Eliza Swank Meets Instant Death at Somerset

Mrs. Eliza Swank aged 74 was run over by a freight train on Monday evening last and died. She was struck by a freight train on Monday evening last and died. She was struck by a freight train on Monday evening last and died.

### TIN PLATE PLANT TO REOPEN

#### Extensive Repairs to the Chester Works Completed

FAST IMPROVEO O March 1.—The local plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Chester resumed operations on Monday. Extensive repairs to the plant were completed on Monday.

### CRIMINAL COURT

#### NEARING END.

#### Peter Behch is Still on Trial for Killing Frank Parch.

UNIONTOWN, March 22.—The Commonwealth today continues to weave its chain of evidence around Peter Behch to prove that he killed Frank Parch in a row at Oliver No. 1 on the night of February 9. The indications at noon were that the prosecution will not conclude its testimony before adjournment this afternoon.

### COMMONWEALTH'S EVIDENCE

#### Will Probably Take Up Remainder of the Day—Game Warden and Deputies Are Convicted of Larceny by Jury

The evidence so far is believed sufficient to convict P. Behch of second degree murder although the defense will fight and to prove there is justification for the shooting. Game Warden J. J. Roderick and his deputy Joe Moon and Robert Heffner are convicted of larceny. The result of the prosecution's growing out of a campaign against unlicensed and foremen carrying firearms. The five foremen appearing as witnesses together with Dan Roderick the state manager for the contract on the Western Maryland near Ohio P. K. accused Roderick and his deputies of larceny breaking and entering and extortion alleging that they were collected without observing a proper legal form.

### COAL MINERS' CONVENTION.

#### President Gilday of District No. 2 Favors Centralization

DEBOLTS, Pa. March 22.—The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America District No. 2 opened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the hotel. The annual report of President Daniel Gilday was read. It fully upheld the policy of centralization which has been the cause of internal division for years. He characterized the system as the best that could be developed out of a system that centralizes the funds but not the power.

### NEW RAILROAD ROUTE

#### Being Surveyed From Ohiolepe Through to Bruceton W. Va.

FARMINGTON, March 22.—Speculation continues in regard to the mysterious movement of two corps of engineers who have been surveying from Ohiolepe to Bruceton W. Va. There are more engineers in the two parties and they have explored a few miles from their neighborhood to help them. All of the engineers have refused to say and have given no information as to whom they represent but there is a strong opinion that they are working for the Western Maryland. They are following near the old B. & O. survey of two or three years ago and the opinion is evidently to block the B. & O. or any other opposition and as Frank C. Rush was approached by men who wanted to buy right of way through his land.

### B. & O. APPOINTMENTS

#### J. F. Keegan Succeeds Gorsuch on Wheeling Division

Division Superintendent C. B. Gorsuch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has been assigned from the same position of the Wheeling division to the Pittsburgh division. J. F. Keegan succeeds him on the Wheeling division.

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## MASTER PLUMBERS' ANNUAL BANQUET

In Chamber of Commerce Rooms on Wednesday Splendid Affair.

### NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

At the Business Session Which Was Held Yesterday Afternoon—Many Delegates and Guests Were in Attendance From Neighboring Cities.

The popular and jocular conception of a plumber as a gentleman in overalls who tramps into the house, looks at the job and then lights a cigarette as he sends the apprentice back to the shop for a wrench received a rude jolt for those visitors who attended at the third annual banquet of the Southwestern Master Plumbers' Association in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Thursday. In the first place the master plumbers themselves dispelled all the visions of the indolent gentleman who is popularly reputed to kill time while hours pull forth golden shekels from the "boss" who in turn gets it from the customer. The master plumbers are good fellows, they looked prosperous, and entertained royally.

From the speeches during the course of the banquet it was inferred that the plumbing business is bad; worse than almost any other occupation. Indeed, from two speeches that were made plumbers should be Bohemian, for they are said to be poor and declared to be artists. Attorney Russell Carr of Uniontown classed plumbing as an art and a science, so look not down upon the man who comes to repair the bursted water pipe; 'tis an artist he is.

Whether this sudden cold snap was brought along to make business for those royal hosts, the master plumbers, cannot be stated. But they deserve the best that can be given them by the weather men.

Yesterday was the occasion of the third annual convention of the Southwestern Plumbers' Association. Likewise it was the occasion of the best convention ever held by the organization. The first convention was at Uniontown, but Secretary C. L. Titus of that borough admitted the affair in this city yesterday was far better in every respect to the Uniontown entertainment. The business session was held in the afternoon. While the master plumbers were transacting their affairs and hearing trade papers read, representatives of the supply houses met on the other side of the First National Bank building's sixth floor and held a social session. The business of the association was concluded about 5 o'clock, when the plumbers and salesmen fraternized.

The banquet was scheduled for 7 o'clock but it was 8 before the guests were seated around the neatly decorated tables in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The dinner showed the reason for the delay. T. W. Baxter furnished the viands which consisted of hot roasted turkey and the good things that usually accompany it. Those who have been the recipients of recent banquets declare that the plumbers went just a little better than any of the rest lately in serving a splendid repast. There was an abundance of everything and the hot dishes were served hot. The service afforded by "Bud" Stanton and his corps of efficient waiters from the Hotel Royal assisted Baxter in making things perfect in every appointment, while Kierle and his orchestra furnished the music.

After the turkey had been disposed of and washed down by sherbet, ice cream and coffee, chairs were pushed back and the speechmaking started. F. T. Evans, newly-elected President of the association, served as toastmaster. The speeches were for the most part brief, with plenty of common sense and the saving grace of humor. Secretary J. Fred Kurtz of the Chamber of Commerce delivered the address of welcome and incidentally boosted Conneltsville as a pretty good city to hold conventions. Edwin M. Tate of Pittsburgh was decidedly humorous and then got down to brass tacks in talking of "The Master Plumber." Mr. Tate, a master plumber himself, declared the trade makes less money than nearly every other business. This dispelled the idea that the plumbers do nothing but sit back at their desks and count their money. Mr. Tate ascribed this condition to ruinous competition and too great a habit to knock competitors instead of co-operating with them. Mr. Tate's speech was filled with common sense. A. S. Whitehead of Pittsburgh delivered a brief address. Secretary C. L. Titus

spoke briefly regarding the work of the Southwestern association while State President S. S. White, who is also National Vice President, urged that strong support be given both State and National associations.

The concluding address of the evening was delivered by Attorney W. Russell Carr of Uniontown who classed plumbing as an art and then read some interesting legal advice regarding contracts and the rights of subcontractors to file liens. In concluding Attorney Carr presented Toastmaster F. T. Evans with a gold handled umbrella, the gift of the association. At the business session during the afternoon new officers were elected as follows: President, F. T. Evans of Conneltsville; Vice President, L. W. Joseph of Morgantown; Secretary, C. L. Titus of Uniontown; Treasurer, H. L. Burd of Uniontown; Sergeant at Arms, C. E. Weidbusch of Morgantown; Delegates to State Convention at Johnstown April 18, B. L. Titus of Point Marion, H. L. Burd of Uniontown and W. G. Duguid of Conneltsville. The officers will select the place for the next annual convention at some future date.

Among the visitors to the convention were State President S. S. White of Pittsburgh; State President E. C. Weidbusch of West Virginia; Edwin M. Tate, Secretary of Pittsburgh local; A. S. Whitehead, ex-President of Pittsburgh local and L. W. Joseph, State Secretary for West Virginia.

Delegates in attendance were L. W. Joseph, Clyde Brand and E. C. Weidbusch of Morgantown; Floyd F. Ramsey of Masontown; Harry L. Burd, Edward Dewalt, C. L. Titus and S. E. Williams of Uniontown; F. T. Evans, W. G. Duguid, A. E. Vanatta, Edward Cypher, William Sellers, James Workman and Harry Workman of Conneltsville.

Visiting Master Plumbers were E. F. Moll and Fred Gregory of Latrobe, D. J. McNerny of Greensburg; John Hauck, Harry Jackson, J. P. Grant, C. A. Brillhart of Scottsdale and C. P. Beyer of Meyersdale. The social sessions of the convention were attended by employees of the local plumbing firms and many others, in addition to the supply house representatives who took the opportunity to mix with their customers with business laid aside for the present. The banquet was attended by more than 60 last evening.

Great credit is due the local master plumbers who had charge of the arrangements and carried things through to such a successful termination.

### COAL PRODUCTION

In the United States in 1909 by Geological Survey.

The statistics of the production of coal as collected jointly by the United States Geological Survey and the Bureau of the Census show that in 1909 it amounted to 459,510,183 net tons. Compared with the record for 1908, when the production amounted to 415,426,912 net tons, the record for 1909 shows an increase of 43,767,485 net tons, or 10 per cent. All of the gain was in the production of bituminous coal, which increased from 352,374,341 net tons in 1908 to 375,510,924 net tons in 1909—a gain of 23,136,583 net tons. The production of anthracite in Pennsylvania decreased from 74,347,102 gross tons (equivalent to 52,260,754 net tons) in 1908 to 72,374,245 gross tons (equivalent to 51,058,140 net tons) in 1909.

Pennsylvania made the largest increase in the production of bituminous coal, showing a gain of 29,656,288 net tons, from 117,179,527 net tons in 1908 to 147,835,815 net tons in 1909. West Virginia for the second time in its history exceeded Illinois and became the second State in the production of coal, the former having an output in 1909 of 51,446,010 net tons and the latter an output of 50,370,384 net tons. West Virginia's production increased 9,618,167 net tons over 1908. The output of Illinois, which stood third in rank, increased 3,110,674 tons. Ohio retained its position as fourth in rank, with a production in 1909 of 27,919,891 net tons, against 28,279,629 tons in 1908. Indiana, which in 1908 supplanted Alabama as fifth in rank, strengthened its position in 1909 by an increase of 2,596,809 tons, from 12,314,890 tons in 1908 to 14,911,699 tons. While Alabama gained 2,099,317 tons, from 11,604,593 tons to 13,703,910 tons. Other significant increases were in Colorado, 1,037,773 tons; Wyoming, 890,995 tons; Kansas, 734,270 tons; Montana, 640,982 tons; Iowa, 594,052 tons; and Washington, 551,463 tons. Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri and Texas showed a smaller production in 1909 than in 1908.

Railroad Earnings in 1910. The gross earnings of railroads in 1910, as compiled from Interstate Commerce figures by the Financial Chronicle, reached the total \$2,815,096,231.

Rebuilding Sparrows Point Stack. The Maryland Steel Company, Sparrows Point, Md., is rebuilding one of the four stacks at its blast furnace plant.

### SOUTHERN COAL STATISTICS.

Figures Showing Production During the Past 30 Years.

In the 1911 edition of the Manufacturers' Record's Annual Blue Book of Southern Progress, just issued, the following interesting information regarding coal production in the South is given:

States.	1880.	1900.	1910.
Alabama	223,972	8,394,275	15,000,000
Arkansas	14,778	1,147,045	2,250,000
Georgia	734,644	413,537	200,000
Kentucky	916,288	3,228,914	14,200,000
Maryland	2,223,917	4,024,588	4,000,000
*North Carolina	359	17,734	0
Tennessee	455,131	3,399,562	6,500,000
Texas	108,372	1,500,000	0
Virginia	15,079	2,393,754	5,000,000
West Virginia	1,829,844	22,647,207	60,000,000
Total	6,027,042	49,048,069	108,700,000
Missouri	644,204	3,740,103	2,000,000
Oklahoma	129,947	1,722,298	2,700,000
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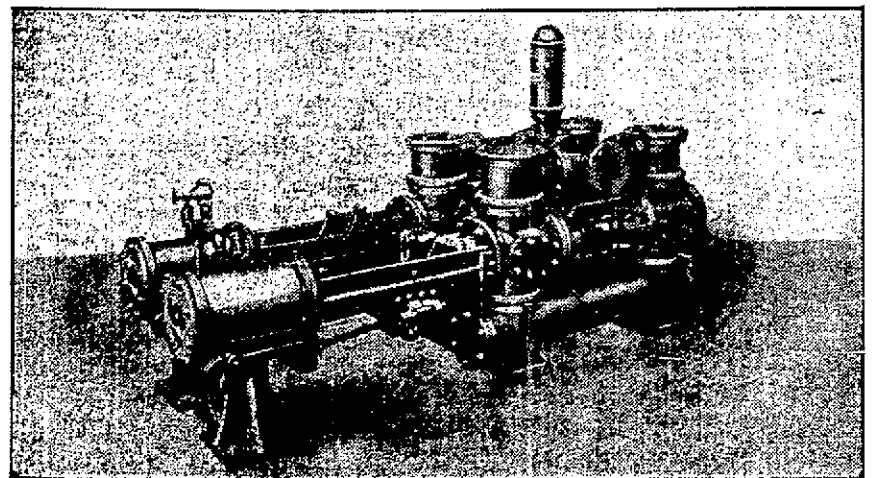
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